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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1917.

\$1.50 IN ADVANCE.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The choir will meet with Mrs. Mansfield this Wednesday evening for rehearsal.

The theme of the sermon Sunday morning will be, "Keep the Right Road in View."

Louis Van Den Kerkhof and Miss Ruby Ashby chose sides last Sunday for the spring term of the Go-to-Church Band. There were seven members that made a perfect record of attendance last term.

The delegates to the Boys' Conference did themselves much credit both with their reports and their songs at the "follow-up" meeting, Sunday evening.

The Christian Endeavor service Sunday evening at seven o'clock will be led by the pastor.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Miss Annie Cross, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Miss Muriel Day of Rochester, N. Y., will speak at the church on Friday evening at 7:30 under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Miss Day is an entertaining speaker, exceptionally well informed on the subject she is presenting, and in every way well worth hearing. An offering will be received. The meeting is open to all.

On account of Miss Day's address on Friday evening the Play Scout meeting will come on Wednesday evening.

Next Sunday's topic will be "Practical Ways of Making the World Better." This is the first Sunday in Lent, and plans are under way for making it the first of a series of seven "Every-body-at-Church" Sundays, closing with April 8th, which is Easter Sunday and also the last before the Annual Conference at Westbrook.

The Grafton Sisters' Quartet are due on March 7th with a splendid program of vocal and instrumental music, readings and sketches—something for every person to enjoy who likes a varied program of great artistic merit. This entertainment will be given at the Grange Hall.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The East Bethel and Northwest Bethel schools will close next Friday.

The regular meeting of the Bethel Parent-Teacher Association is postponed until Wednesday, Feb. 23, when Miss Florence M. Hale, State Agent for Rural Education, will give an address of special interest to parents and citizens.

Miss Elva Fuller of the East Bethel school was called home to Canton to attend her aunt's funeral. Miss Mary Stanley is substituting for the week.

School closed Friday, Feb. 18, at Middle Intervale, after a successful term taught by Miss Eva Bartlett. An entertainment was given at the school-house Thursday afternoon. The following was the program:

Song, America, School.
When Pa Begins to Shave, School.
Pass Speaks, Ronald Stevens.
My Shadow, Edward Carter.
Dialogue, The Dog, the Cat, and the Rat, Delma Leighton, Ronald Stevens, Lewis Elbridge.

A Terrible Tragedy, Eva Bartlett.
So, Yankee Doodle, School.
A Secret, Delma Leighton.
The Water Mill, Lewis Elbridge.
The Week of the Julie Plante, School.

Edward Carter, Hubert Stevens, Ed. He's in Trouble, Ruth Elbridge.
The Week of the Julie Plante, School.
My Rembrandt, Hubert Stevens.
Dialogue, The Three Jacks, Ronald and Hubert Stevens, Delma Leighton.
Song, Snowflake, School.

Ruth and Lewis Elbridge.
The Children's Hour, School.

BAND CONCERT.

The concert given by the Bethel Band on Thursday evening was a decided success. The selections were rendered in a very pleasing manner and were well received. The large crowd in attendance seemed to inspire them as they said that they had never heard them play any better.

Mrs. Arvey of Berlin added much to the program with her cornet solo. Herick's orchestra furnished music for the dance which was enjoyed until a late hour.

LEGISLATIVE NOTICE.
The Committee on JUDICIARY will after a public hearing at the court house in Bangor, Me., February 23rd and 24th, 1917, at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. respectively, receive and consider the petition of the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court of the County of Oxford.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

The Freshmen and Sophomore declamations are due Friday.

Theona Farrington spent the week end with relatives in Norway.

The Academy Fair will be held the second week of the spring term.

Mr. Elmer Small and Chester Howe spent Friday night in Hanover, Me.

A number of the students have joined Prof. Chapman's Maine Festival Chorus.

Monday, after school, the Blue and Red Bandanas played the second game of the series. The score was 19 to 10 in favor of the Blues.

A Foreign Relief Fund has been started in school. Professor Hanson has appointed two from each class to collect the contributions.

The Y. M. C. A. delegates and the Boy Scouts who attended the conference at Lewiston gave their reports at a union meeting of the churches Sunday night.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting last week was led by Hazel Kenniston, whose topic was "Being good friends with one's family." Everyone discussed the topic freely, making the meeting very interesting.

SURPRISE PARTY.

The employees of Bethel Inn gave Mrs. Scott Robertson a delightful surprise party at her home on Mason street, Tuesday evening, the occasion being to celebrate her birthday anniversary. A beautiful gift was presented to Mrs. Robertson by Miss Davies in behalf of the Kn Klux Klan, No. 66, and others.

Instrumental and vocal music were enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

All left at a late hour declaring a grand good time had been enjoyed, and wishing their jolly hostess many returns of her birthday anniversary.

RURAL EDUCATION.

THE RURAL TEACHER.

In a very high degree the success of rural education must depend upon the quality of the teaching force employed for the rural schools. The teacher of a rural school must be skilled as an instructor not alone in the subjects of a single grade, but in a wide range of studies covering several grades and frequently embracing the entire common school curriculum. She must be able through her own powers to govern successfully. She is expected to be familiar with the wishes and interests of the community, acting in some sense as the leader in the educational activities of the place wherein she is employed. It is not too much to say that the demands of a country school are greater than those of a city or village school and that these can be met only by the employment of superior teachers. It is unfortunate that the impression has prevailed even among many country people that any one can teach a country school. If there are to be any low standards in respect to preparation and training these certainly should not obtain in a position where the teacher will be expected to meet so many demands upon her knowledge and skill as will be made in a rural school. This conclusion implies that in respect to her wages the country teacher should not suffer in comparison with the teachers of other schools. If the country school as a whole is to be supplied with a teaching force adequate to its demands there must be greater consideration in the matter of salary, freedom from criticism on minor points of personal and professional conduct and larger hospitality to progressive methods of education.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT.

Hardly second in importance to the teacher as an element of educational influence is the school building and its surroundings. It would be impossible to estimate the extent of the influence exerted upon the youth by environment. Our children spend many hours of the day in the schoolroom. Not only

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BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

The usual Wednesday afternoon tea will be held, and music will be furnished by the orchestra which will add much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Dr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Peters of Brookline, Mass., are at the Inn over the holiday. Both are enthusiastic over the sports, and greatly enjoy the dancing.

W. W. Thomas, ex-minister to Sweden, was a dinner guest at the Inn, coming to Bethel with his son, Oscar E. Thomas, who is to be a guest for an indefinite period.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hines of Bridgeport, Conn., are again at the Inn to enjoy the winter attractions. They were with us some weeks a year ago and made many friends who were delighted to have them again in Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bartlett and Mr. E. H. Savage of Boston are spending a week or more at the Inn. They are enjoying the winter sports, skating, snow-shoeing, sleighing, etc., all of which are in the best of condition at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy S. Brown of Lexington, Mass., left for home, Sunday, after a two weeks stay in Bethel. Mrs. Brown was much benefited by her stay, and both were loud in their praise of the Inn and its attractions as a winter resort.

Mrs. W. S. Allen of Chestnut Hill, Mass., was a guest at the Inn for a few days to visit her daughter, Miss Margaret Allen, who is spending the winter here. She was delighted with Bethel as a winter resort and hopes to make another visit before her daughter leaves.

Mr. Wm. J. McLaughlin, representative of the firm of Brown, Durrell & Co., of Boston, has been at Bethel Inn for a few days. Mr. McLaughlin has been taking fall orders and has had an excellent business, but has also found time to enjoy some of the winter sports, and attend a dance or two.

Bethel Inn is prepared to entertain a big crowd over Washington's birthday, most of the guests remaining for a week or more. An orchestra arrived on Tuesday which will furnish music for dancing, and add much to the social life of the Inn. Every room in the Inn is filled, as well as the Elms Cottage, and the Willows, connected with the Inn, and several rooms have been secured outside for guests that could not be accommodated.

VALENTINE PARTY.

A jolly group of young people enjoyed a Valentine party last Saturday evening given by Miss Ruby Ashby at the home of Dr. Tibbets.

The rooms were attractively decorated with Valentine emblems and all entered into the spirit of the evening. What was played until 9:30 and then vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed until a late hour. Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Those present were: Misses Una Brooks, Kathryn Hanson, Mariel Park, Dorothy Hutchins, Naomi Smith, Ernestine Philbrook, Gladys Spearin, and Messrs. Lester Brooks, Eugene and Louis Van Den Kerkhof, Robert Hanson, Vivian Hutchins, Herbert How, Winfield Howe, Harry Young.

BUTTER.

16, at the end of every week. You'd have good butter, fresh and sweet.
Delivered at your door.
For forty cents per pound, no more, just drop a line to Maple Lane.
For they're the farm that has the name.
MAPLE LANE FARM,
\$22.34 p.
Bethel, Maine.

FAMILY WASHING.

We are prepared to do family washing—wet wash, rough dry or finished—Collection and delivery made in village. We would be pleased to talk the matter over with you.
DOMESTIC HAND LAUNDRY,
Phone—13
\$18.34 p.
Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE.

Ten tons of good hay. Inquire of
MR. J. C. BILLINGS,
Bethel, Maine.
\$22.41.

78th MAINE

LEGISLATURE

Our Special Correspondent Writes of the Past Week's Work

The real feature of the 78th Legislature since the legislative organization and the inaugural ceremonies was Governor Carl L. Mafflick's presentation of the budget last week, Wednesday, in joint convention.

He furnished in most comprehensive manner—one newspaper gave up 33 whole columns to it—a complete financial program and schedule of figures together with the report of the special commission on intangible property. Conditional recommendation is made in the budget message for a tax rate of five mills. The message recommends a substantial increase in the corporation franchise tax, a State tax upon all personal property and improvements in unorganized townships, taxation of savings banks deposits in national banks, assessment of parlor car taxes upon gross receipts collected within the State, increases in rate of taxation of telephone and telegraph companies, increase of limit of 5 to 6 per cent in taxation of railroad companies, repeal of railroad tax distribution and taxation of intangible property.

In connection with the departments a commission of three to five members is recommended to take charge of the sea and shore fisheries department and a mill tax for State road construction is recommended to take effect in 1919. Auto plate expense is to be transferred from the State department to the highway department.

A flat tax of three mills is favored on intangible property. Another sweeping recommendation is for the keeping of the entire railroad tax by the State. Very little out of the contingent fund of \$100,000 will be left for current use early for appropriations overrun. The estimated revenue for 1917 is \$2,045,709.46; for 1918 is \$2,745,729.00.

Women suffrage encountered a small storm upon its assignment for the second reading, but this latter proceeding passed Thursday without a ripple in the House. The real debate is expected to come this week, when the resolve comes up for final passage. Wednesday's action showed the strength of the proponents when they secured the assignment by an overwhelming vote and was hailed as a victory of moment by all suffragists. Rep. Baxter named Thursday for the assignment for second reading but Messrs. Murray of Bangor, Rounds of Portland and Berry of Waterville argued vainly for a delay of from one to two weeks. The vote, as that upon the acceptance of the favorable report, was very emphatically in favor of the supporters of the resolve.

Two important appointments were announced last week. Hon. Forrest H. Colby of Bingham, former State senator, succeeding the Hon. Frank MacFarlane as agent and forest commissioner, and of George Melvin Presson of Farmington to succeed himself as agent general. General Presson is given the title of brigadier general. He was first appointed by Governor Corbin. With the latter appointment was announced the members of the Governor's staff.

Adjustment was taken on Friday until this week Tuesday at 10 A. M. The session was closed about the legislative channels last week and one would think him ready to fall down and die of exhaustion and the announcement. It was due more bills introduced to act in stricter prohibition. Maine's foremost Democratic politician, the Hon. W. B. Pattangall, joined with the Hon. Walter P. Berry of Waterville before the legislative committee. A bill presented by Rep. Allen of Portland provides for the delivery of no liquor to anyone other than the consignee who shall peremptorily sign a receipt showing the amount and kind of liquor, the book of receipts to be kept open for inspection. Measures introduced by Rep. Haines of Houlton and by Rep. Patterson of Bethel and another introduced by Rep. Barnes provided for an intoxicated person who litters about railroad property. Rep. Briggs of Westbrook introduced a bill providing for action by seven or more legal voters against any building where an alleged nuisance is conducted.

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GRANGE NEWS

FRANKLIN GRANGE.

Franklin Grange held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17. Thirty-eight members were present. One application was received. The following program was given:

Singing, Old Oaken Bucket, Grange.
Quotations on Hope.
Talk on Farmers' Homes, Sister Tracy.
The Potato Question, H. R. Cushman.
Singing, Grange Ode.

LONE MT. GRANGE.

Lone Mt. Grange held its regular all day meeting with baked beans and pastry dinner, Saturday, Feb. 17, with about 60 present. In the afternoon the following program was carried out:

Singing, Grange.
Instrumental music, Ida Dunham.
Paper, "The Best Things in Life,"
Written by Mrs. O. A. Burgess, read by Mrs. R. D. Thurston.
Song, Miss Holman.
Reading, Elizabeth Baker.
Question—"What I have learned about commercial fertilizer," discussed by W. W. Perkins, L. R. Hall, J. L. Bailey, Wallis Richards, Geo. Abbott.
Song, Grange.

ALDER RIVER GRANGE.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, Alder River Grange held its regular meeting. Russell L. Swan acted as Overseer pro tem. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchins for their assistance in the drama given by the young members of the Grange, and to all who took part in the play, also to the supper committee. The W. Lecturer presented a Lincoln program as follows:

Story, Guy Bartlett.
Anecdote, Mrs. Nina Swan.
Quotations and Clippings, Edson Bartlett, Ceylon Kimball, Mrs. Helen Ryan, Miss Elva Fuller, Mrs. L. C. Bartlett.

Selected reading, Mrs. M. E. Kimball.
A Washington program is to be given at the next meeting, and each sister is to furnish a Washington pie, or something equally as good.

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange met Saturday, Feb. 17, at 11 A. M. All of the officers were present excepting the Chaplain and Pomona. Two candidates were instructed in the first and second degrees. It was voted to let the Boys' Corn Club have the use of the Grange dining room on Mar. 3rd at 1 P. M., to organize in Professor Mitchell of Orono and G. A. Yeaton are expected to be present. A vote was taken to make an exhibit at our next County Fair. The members of Paris Grange are to try and earn an extra dollar to help reduce the debt on the hall and are to report how it was done not later than the first meeting in December next. It was voted to try and assign the work in the dining room by beginning with the letter A and so on through the alphabet. Sister Myrtle Barnett was reported sick in the Central Maine General Hospital. The following program was carried out:

Music, Grange.
Reading, Sister Annie Colby.
Report of the Lecturer's Conference at Waterville, Lecturer Jessica Thayer.
Piano Solo, encore.

How a Western man farms it, Bro. Alex T. Stearns.
Bro. Geo. O. Chase.
Song, encore, Mrs. Newton Cummings.
Report of the last session of Maine State Grange, Past Master Byron Cummings sang, "Star Spangled Banner."

NORWAY GRANGE.

Norway Grange met Feb. 17. It was a special meeting. Worthy Master Birchman called to order at 1 o'clock. After opening exercises communications were read in regard to the mill tax, and also one relating to the distribution of the school fund. A short discussion followed. Several other questions of importance to the Grange were acted upon. The time was then turned over to Captain Jackson and Captain Abbott, and "the contest was on." Altogether features were given by the captains. Six numbers were given by each and consisted of tableaux, current events, a march in costume, original songs, original poems, sacred songs, original stories. These in the march were in carnival costume. St. Valentine was much in evidence. "Old Time" was patriotically saluted. The last feature was an original dialogue—yes, it was laughable, entertaining and exceedingly interesting. The next meeting will be held Feb. 24, to open at one o'clock. It is to be regretted

WANT COLUMN.

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NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.

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Practice limited to diseases of the Eye and the fitting of Glasses. Office at House of Clarence Hall, Bethel. Last Saturday of every month. All work guaranteed.

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Neatly and Promptly Done. Laces, Polishers, Whiting, Etc. A. B. BUXTON, Bethel, Maine. Opposite N. F. Brown's.

FOR SALE.

Pair black horses weighing 1130 each, one 15, the other 14 years old, the horses I worked on my peddler cart for 3 years. Also my peddler cart and sled, both in good running order.

W. A. BRAGG,

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A set of one horse sleds, new. Will sell at a bargain if taken at once.

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WANTED IN YOUR TOWN AND VICINITY.

Agent—Spore or whole time—Either sex. The Fraternities, Richmond, Maine. Insures Men, Women and Children Against Sickness—Quarantine—Accident—Accidental Death. Monthly Cost Small—Monthly Benefit Large. Liberal Commission—Increasing Monthly Income—Experience not necessary. The Fraternities leads all competitors in Maine.

28-41 p.

WANTED.

Will pay 11 cents for live hogs or 14 cents for dressed. Call, write or telephone.

W. C. BRYANT,

Bethel, Maine.

SALESMEN WANTED to solicit orders

for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or Commission. Address THE VICTOR OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

WANTED—In Oxford County, on or before April 1, farm on shares, or would lease for term of years with privilege of purchasing. Give full particulars in letter. Address

H. CITIZEN OFFICE, Bethel, Me.

WANTED: TEN CALVES.

Will pay four to five dollars for good young calves.

G. D. MORRILL,

West Bethel, Me.

Telephone 228.

\$15.34 p.

Rubbers

Other dealers complain of a shortage of rubbers but fortunate buying enables me to offer a complete stock. Now is the time to buy for spring wear.

SHOE AND RUBBER REPAIRING OF ALL KINDS.

YOUNG'S SHOE STORE.

Phone 14-4.

that so many of the members, and members of their families are ill, but early all are reported as gaining. Topic for Feb. 31: "The Grange as it stands today." Further discussion of the milk situation as time permits.

The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column
Dedicated to Tired Mothers
as they join the Home
Circle at Evening Tide

THE ART OF FURNISHING A HOUSE.

The skilful furnisher knows how to make the most of the materials at hand. Given very small rooms, she knows just how to set about making them look as large as possible. Given dark rooms, she tries to give the effect of sunlight. Given blazing hot rooms, she tries to lead a refreshing coolness. And so she goes on from room to room, picking out its weaknesses first, only so as to be able to cover them up in the most effectual manner.

The amateur house furnisher can do the same thing if she studies the methods of the art. A great deal of the room's beauty depends on its papering, and the furnisher should study the different effects obtained with different papers. In going from one apartment to another in the large building she will notice how different the same room in a lower and upper story can appear. She will think how much lighter the room looks on one floor than on another. It is an excellent study for an amateur house furnisher to visit one apartment right above another and to puzzle out why the parlor in one apartment should seem so different from its exact counterpart in another.

After much careful study, she will probably come to some such deductions as the following—That dark colors make all rooms look smaller; that light shades enlarge the rooms; that warm colors, yellow, rose and yellow green make a room sunny looking, while blues, lavenders and grays make it cold. She will probably find that massive furniture and heavy draperies serve to make an apartment look small and crowded, while a greater number of little pieces can be used with light draperies and still give the effect of space.

With this knowledge stored away in her mind for use, she begins to furnish her apartment. The parlor and dining room are both sunny but small. Her idea then is to make them look as large as possible, but not to add any warmth, as they have already plenty of light. The parlor she papers in a light, almost a pearl, gray. This light shade gives a spacious air, while a dark color, let us say old rose or blue, would have brought the four walls close together.

Now, with gray for a background she can afford to introduce a warm shade in the draperies, as gray is particularly cold. So she has chintz with a gray body, but with an old rose figure for her hangings. Her carpet, too, is old rose, and the furniture is perhaps gray wicker, with old rose chintz cushions.

The treatment of the dining room must be based on the same lines. An oatmeal tan paper gives size to the small room, but delft blue draperies and decorations keep the room cool to look at. This is an especially attractive combination for the dining room.

Now, had the parlor been small and dark, gray would have been impracticable, for there is no warmth to it, no illusion of sunshine. On the other hand, the old rose would have closed in the four walls, making the room look very small. A possible treatment of a room which is at the same time dark and small is to paper in one of the warm shades of yellow. This color not only gives the glow and warmth of sunshine, but it also gives size to a room.

Keeping Yourself Well

HOW YOU GET SICK

Sometimes you overload your stomach with rich foods. Your life may be an active one, and thus you may care for all you eat. But a few days of inactivity allow your system does not call for as much. You awake in the morning tired. Your body feels heavy; you know you are not up to the mark. Your digestion has not failed for the overloaded. Part of it remains. It generates gas that induces the distended feeling. They fail to pour out the digestive fluids and content to absorb the life-giving elements. You have something to worry. Your body gets weak, and soon opportunity is offered for some more illness.

Taken in time, the indigestion would not become serious. First remove the overload, then soothe the sore membranes, then build up the weakened body. It is simple to say, but not too easy to do. You need help. A tonic that will quicken digestion, help remove waste, soothe the soreness and arouse the system—that is just what you need. There is an available record in this respect. It has aided many thousands in the last century to overcome just these conditions, and thereby prevent serious sickness. The tablet form is convenient for regular administration.

Small white tablets that are easy to take. They have no sugar, and are not sticky. They are not bitter, and are not harmful. They are not expensive, and are not hard to get. They are not new, and are not old. They are just what you need. The French Co. Columbus, O.

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will keep your soil in condition and grow more profitable crops every year. They are made of BONE, BLOOD, MEAT and high-grade chemicals—natural plant foods. Our booklet will tell, free, how profitable crops can be grown. Ask our dealer to help solve your fertilizer problems and write us for booklet, "Fertilizer Facts for Farmers."

NEW ENGLAND FERTILIZER CO., Boston, Mass.
For Sale by FRED L. EDWARDS, Bethel, Me.

ON THE SAFE SIDE.

What to Do When the Children Are Ill.

If you find one of the children flushed and feverish; sick, without having eaten anything indigestible; suffering from sore throat; very red eyes and heavy, with a tendency to sneeze, you may suppose that he is possibly sickening for measles, scarlet fever or diphtheria.

You can't be sure, of course. His trouble may only be a bad, feverish cold or a sudden bilious attack. But, as long as you're not sure, you ought to keep on the safe side, for the sake of the other members of the family. Put him to bed in a room by himself. On no account whatever must another child sleep in the room or run to and fro. The only person who may go in and out is the "grown-up" who is doing the nursing.

If you are so very cramped for space that it is absolutely impossible to avoid letting other children sleep in the room, then you must soak a sheet in strong carbolic and hang it up between the beds occupied by the ill and well. Leave the window wide open all night—the sick child will not catch cold if he is carefully covered. These precautions help to lessen the chance of infection, though they do not do away with it altogether.

As long as there is any doubt about the nature of the illness all food which comes from the sick child's room should be burnt at once; all water should be emptied well away from the house, and all linen—sheets, nightdresses, handkerchiefs, etc.—should be washed apart from the rest of the house linen.

The person who is nursing the sick child should, if possible, change her dress and wash her hands and face after leaving the invalid and before mixing with other folks.

Consumption is a disease with regard to which people ought to keep on the safe side, but very often don't. You see, in its early stages it is not an alarming thing. The patient is not very ill. He goes about as usual, and no one thinks it worth while to take any precautions with regard to him.

If you ever suspect that one of your family, may, perhaps, have a tendency to consumption you should exercise the greatest care. That person should never be in the same room with other people unless the windows are wide open. He should sleep alone, and he should be prevented, as far as possible, from kissing any one.

He should have handkerchiefs of soft Japanese paper—an unlimited supply of them—and they should be burnt immediately after use.

EFFECTS OF DRINKING WATER.

To eat a hearty meal of even the most wholesome of food and immediately wash it all down with a glass of ice water is a foolhardy proceeding. Moderately cold, or even hot water, or, in fact, liquid of any kind cannot be taken with impunity into the stomach on top of a hearty meal.

Water, in order to have the most desirable effect, should be taken on an empty stomach, otherwise the gastric fluid will be so diluted that it cannot properly perform its functions. Half an hour or an hour before breakfast, and away of meals, and on retiring are the most approved times. A quart or more during the day will serve to keep the system in good condition and will keep the stomach, bowels and kidneys in good working order, providing these rules are rigidly adhered to.

Parents, however, while pursuing the course of treatment with themselves, often fail to instill the same mode of procedure into the minds of their children. Let them early be taught, both by precept and example, that there are stated times when water may healthfully be partaken of, and that there are also times when large draughts of water are very harmful. It cannot be too forcibly impressed upon the young mind that ice cold water should seldom, if ever, be indulged in, and that moderate drinking of it when very much heated, or after a full meal, is extremely harmful, and may prove fatal.

Printing of all kinds done in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

NORTH NEWRY.

F. H. Allen of Stetson, Me., was a guest at L. E. Wight's, Wednesday.

The selectmen were in session Thursday, Friday and Saturday, making town reports.

Mrs. Gladys Hurlbert, who is working at R. W. Knapton's, spent the week end at R. W. Knapton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving French, who have been staying at Krol this winter, returned to their home here, Wednesday.

Mrs. R. W. Kilgore is at home again after a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Carter, Jr., at Middle Intervale.

H. H. Hansson was a guest of his sister, Mrs. C. C. Bennett, Sunday.

RURAL ENGINEERING.

Experimental, Post, and County Roads Constructed—Homes and Other Farm Buildings Designed.

Nearly 5,000,000 square yards of roadway, the equivalent of 561.9 miles of road 15 feet wide, were constructed under the supervision of Federal road specialists during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the United States Department of Agriculture just issued. This is more than double the mileage so constructed in previous years. The roads included under supervision of the office include experimental roads, post roads, county roads and roads in national parks and forests. The expenditures of the office for this purpose were chiefly for engineering services and supervision, the communities, except in the case of forest and park roads, meeting the bulk of the costs for material and construction.

A special appropriation was made for the construction of the post roads in the post office appropriation bill of 1912. Eight of the 11 post road projects remaining at the beginning of the last fiscal year were completed by the end of the year, bringing the mileage of the completed roads under this special project to 327.6. Three of the original 17 projects, aggregating 59.17 miles in length, remained uncompleted at the end of the year. The 8 projects completed are in 7 States and traverse 15 counties.

The office made studies and recommendations for improving the complete road systems of 32 counties in a number of States, assigned engineers to inspect specific roads and advise as to their treatment in 113 communities, and especially assigned 7 engineers to assist State departments of roads and other State agencies dealing with roads and road materials.

Maintenance Work.

The demonstration maintenance work undertaken in 1914 on a through route from Washington to Atlanta was continued during the year, the mileage under supervision increasing from 724 to 870. The cumulative effect of continuous maintenance, says the report, has been demonstrated by the fact that from March 15 to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1916, the road was not closed to traffic at any point.

National Park and Forest Roads.

In the national parks and national forests the office supervised construction on approximately 170 miles of road, of which about 70 miles were completed. One of the roads under construction—the Escalante-Windermere in the Powell National Forest, Utah—will open up communication with a settlement in the valley of the upper Colorado River which has heretofore been practically cut off from the rest of the world.

The economic work of gathering road statistics and making studies of road cost, road costs, and benefits was continued by the office. Numerous tests and much research work in regard to road materials were conducted.

The office carried on a number of investigations in regard to irrigation in cooperation with States, agricultural experiment stations, and other agencies, chiefly in the West. Drainage investigations were conducted both in the irrigated and non-irrigated regions.

Rural Engineering.

In its rural engineering work the office planned farm water supply systems and sanitary systems, and prepared plans for a southern farmhouse, three farmhouses suited to northern conditions, barns, corncribs, stables, machinery sheds, etc. The office also furnished information in regard to electric lighting and power plants for farm refrigerating systems, heating plants, windmill installations, etc.

CANTON

Principal Donald B. Partridge went to Dixfield, Friday night to be one of the judges at the triangular speaking contest.

The sad news of the sudden death of Maurice Rollins Hathaway of Washington, D. C., reached Canton Tuesday, and came as a great shock to his many friends and acquaintances. Mr. Hathaway, who had not been well for some time, was taken critically ill Friday night, and failed rapidly until the end came Sunday noon. He was born in Canton, June 27, 1873, the son of Alanson S. Hathaway and Martha Rollins Hathaway. He resided in this town until he reached manhood, when on leaving school, he went to Washington, D. C., where he secured a government position and after a few years resigned and went to work for the Pullman Company, where he remained fifteen years. For several years he has been successfully engaged in the dry goods business. He married Miss Elizabeth Seales, who survives together with two children, Elizabeth and Kathryn Hathaway. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Martin A. Hathaway, who is spending the winter in Washington, one brother, Arthur M. Hathaway of Melrose, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Chas. Williams of Washington. Mr. Hathaway was a member of B. B. French Lodge, No. 15, F. & A. M., of Washington. He had many warm friends in his native town as well as in his home city, who deeply sympathize with the family in their bereavement. The funeral was held Thursday and the interment was at Rock Creek cemetery.

Mrs. P. M. Oliver was called to Rumford last week by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Mary Oldham, who has had a shock of paralysis.

Miss L. B. Treadwell attended the funeral of Jerry Flaherty of Canton Point last week. The remains were placed in the tomb at Pine Woods cemetery, as no word has been received from his relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hutchinson have returned to their home in Canton.

Mrs. Gordon Dymond submitted to an operation upon her ankle at the McCarly Hospital at Rumford, Friday, and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Lillian Fuller Dresser, wife of W. Ellery Dresser, proprietor of the Revere House, Canton, passed away early Saturday morning after an illness of a little over a week of pneumonia. Mrs. Dresser was born in North Turner in 1850, the daughter of Elton Turner and Eliza Head Fuller, to whom four children were born. Mrs. Dresser being the last to pass away. After the death of her parents, Mrs. Dresser and sister, Elsie Fuller, lived on the home place at North Turner and were inseparable companions. The deceased married W. Ellery Dresser fourteen years ago and came to Canton to live, and her sister made her home with them.

Two years ago last November Miss Fuller passed on, her death being a severe blow to Mrs. Dresser, who has since been in frail health since then. Mrs. Dresser was a most estimable woman and will be much missed. She was an attendant at the Universalist church, and a faithful worker in the Universalist Circle, although not a member.

Mr. Dresser is well known in the State as a hotel proprietor and in the death of Mrs. Dresser is left with no near relatives, with the exception of an aged brother, John Dresser, who is stopping with him at the present time.

Miss Eleanor Forbes took for her subject Sunday at the Universalist church, "The Glory of America."

Mrs. Lottie Douglas has returned to the home of her parents, A. W. Ellis and wife.

Miss Clytie DeCoster has gone to Washington, D. C.

Omor, Dority and family are expected home this week from Boston.

Mrs. R. C. House of No. Turner has been spending a few days with Mrs. J. P. Towle and family.

The Universalist Circle met Thursday with Mrs. Minkie D. Forhan. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Minkie D. Forhan.

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Mothers often wonder why their children are not robust and healthy. In a vast number of cases the trouble is worms. Signs of worms are: Irritated stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional griping and pains about the navel, marked pale face of leaden tint, irritable and dull, twitching eye lids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short dry cough, grinding of the teeth, little red spots sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.

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Geo. W. Carson.

The Ensemble orchestra furnished music for a drama and dance at Oxford, Thursday evening.

Miss Mildred Richardson has returned from a six weeks' visit in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Lucy Elliott of No. Rumford is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Russell.

Howard Burditt and wife of Turner will work for Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker this season.

Mrs. Amy Lavorgna and Ella Whitcomb of Bethel and Miss Olive Bartlett of Rumford have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marco Lavorgna. The second and third degrees were conferred on two candidates at the last meeting of Anasagunticook Lodge and a fine supper served.

George Lavorgna was at home from Hebrew Academy for over Sunday.

Miss Pauline Staughton of Whitefield, N. H., is a guest of Miss Marguerite Hollis.

Mrs. Maria Francis, who has been very ill, is much improved and her nurse has returned home.

A delightful session of the Ocean Park Study Club was held Tuesday evening with Mrs. Dana A. Yates. "The Present Day Religious Problems," was discussed. Piano duets by the Misses Estelle Yates and Wilma Roberts and a social hour were enjoyed. In two weeks Mrs. Elsie Roberts will be hostess.

Mrs. J. R. Austin of Mexico has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hayes.

Mrs. Evelyn Dunn, who has arrived home from Southern Place, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. K. Foster and family.

A good delegation from Canton attended the district meeting of Old Fellows at Rumford, Tuesday evening.

Rev. Geo. D. Hamlin, D. D., of Lewiston occupied the pulpit of the F. B. church, Sunday, in a very appropriate manner.

A Boy Scout Patrol has been organized in Canton, which has been named "Braver Patrol." Caleb E. Mendall has been elected scout master and J. Alton Tyler assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Smith have returned home.

The Pine Tree Club met Saturday afternoon with Mrs. P. W. Morse with a good attendance and an interesting program, consisting of historical papers, readings, quotations, and music. A guessing contest was won by Miss Michaels, who received a nice book for a prize. The next meeting will be held with Miss Marguerite Hollis, Mar. 3.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Mrs. J. A. Spinney is in Portland. C. A. Baker is leading a carload of jewelry.

Mr. Wakefield is helping repair the road machine.

Alfred Hobbs butchered for Dave Fleet and Lewis James, recently. J. A. Spinney was in Bethel, Tuesday. Howard Bailey was in Bethel, Monday, after a load of men for Jethert.

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Real Estate,	\$ 83,878.81
Stocks and Bonds,	2,805,459.91
Cash in Office and Bank,	103,098.85
Agents' Balances,	1,831,714.92
Interest and Rents,	33,435.72
All other Assets,	7,009.07
Gross Assets,	\$3,543,585.00
Deduct items not admitted,	271,150.14
Admitted Assets,	\$3,270,054.03
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 165,729.37
Unearned Premiums,	1,831,714.92
All other Liabilities,	31,073.53
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,239,137.13

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$3,270,054.03

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2-22-17—F.

EASTERN CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, 161 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916,	
Stocks and Bonds,	\$128,655.50
Cash in Office and Bank,	15,040.10
Agents' Balances,	341.00
Interest and Rents,	1,411.65
All other Assets, including Market Value Bonds,	1,023.50
Gross Assets,	\$147,076.76
Deduct items not admitted,	\$41.00
Admitted Assets,	\$146,735.76
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$9,036.13
Unearned Premiums,	1,830.82
All other Liabilities,	1,869.33
Cash Capital,	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	31,170.45

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$146,735.76

2-22-17—F.

LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL INS. CO. OF MANSFIELD, OHIO.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916,	
Real Estate,	\$ 30,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	1,232,000.00
Collateral Loans,	2,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	531,513.17
Cash in Office and Bank,	138,313.51
Agents' Balances,	86,157.23
Interest and Rents,	7,724.43
All other Assets,	15,550.00
Gross Assets,	\$2,000,258.34
Deduct items not admitted,	4,500.00
Admitted Assets,	\$1,995,758.34
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 52,548.00
Unearned Premiums,	303,513.32
All other Liabilities,	23,507.59
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,617,189.53

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,995,758.34

2-22-17—F.

RUMFORD

There was a good sale on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21, in Stephens Jewelry store, given for the benefit of the Rumford Equal Suffrage League.

At the annual convention of the Maine Boys' Conference held in Lewiston last week, Merle Eyles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Niles of the Virginia District, was elected secretary of the organization.

Earl Richardson of Rumford, a senior at Wesleyan University, has been in Portland, taking the U. S. Civil Service examinations in chemistry.

The small building that has been used as a cobbler shop at the corner of Waldo street and Main avenue has been moved to the vacant lot at the corner of Waldo street and Oxford avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lambert of St. Hippolyte, Saskatchewan, Northwest Canada, are visiting his sister, Mrs. Fred H. Martin, of Waldo street. Mr. Lambert is the owner of a large ranch out West.

The Right Reverend Benjamin Brewster, D. D., will visit St. Barnabas church on the first Sunday in Lent, February 25th. The Bishop will preach at the 10:30 service, and there will be confirmation.

George Horton has left for Bath, where he has accepted a position with the Bath Iron Works.

The Foreign Mission Society of Virginia will give an entertainment at the chapel in the near future.

Frank Jannet, the banana man, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

Charles Levin of the Levin, Santer Co. is in New York buying goods at the spring markets.

The Levin, Santer Co. has made arrangements with Mr. Appleby, manager of the Majestic Theatre, to furnish a fashion show from New York City at the theatre on the evenings of March 15 and 16. There will be ten girls from New York City who will present a vaudeville show, and between the acts will show the latest creations in ladies' cloaks and suits.

George Boston is very ill with spinal trouble at his home in Strathglass Park, caused from a fall on the ice.

Mrs. John Milledge is recovering nicely from a recent operation at the McCarly Hospital.

Friends in town will be grieved to learn of the death of David Benzie, which occurred recently at his home in Scotland. Mr. Benzie was for some time employed in the Oxford Mill.

Mon. James White of Chicago, National Secretary of the Baptist Y. F. C. of America, delivered an address before the young people's societies of the Rumford and Mexico Baptist churches, at the First Baptist church in Rumford on Tuesday evening.

W. A. Clough of the hardware firm of Clough and Pillsbury has purchased the Evans house in the Virginia District, located next to the Davis green houses. Mr. Clough will occupy the house soon. The family have been occupying, since their coming to Rumford about a year ago, the Rolley H. Morrison bungalow on Crescent avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Moody, whose carriage took place last week at the bride's home in Fairfield, have returned to take up their residence in Rumford on Somerset street. Dr. Moody is an optician in town, and his bride who was Miss Margaret Davis, was a graduate nurse of the Eastern Maine Hospital in Bangor.

Mrs. Leroy Williams, who underwent a surgical operation at the McCarly Hospital, is getting along nicely.

Thursday evening, Feb. 22, Metal Lodge, K. of P., will confer the rank of Esquire on two candidates.

On Monday evening, Mrs. Helen Tenney of Hallowell gave an illustrated lecture at the Virginia District school house. Her subject was, "The History of the Infectious Diseases."

Mrs. John MacMaster of Granite street, Hallowell, has received information that her brother, Sergeant James MacMaster of the Security Third Royal Highlanders, is in a London hospital. Sergeant MacMaster, who has been fighting in France since last March, was badly crashed in one of the trenches.

The Rumford District Sunday School

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Convention will convene with the Congregational church at Mexico on Feb. 27th.

Miss Edna Harvey, who is assistant to Harley N. Prescott, manual training teacher in the Rumford schools, is ill and has gone home for a six weeks rest.

Mrs. Fred Carroll of Franklin street is in Boston the guest of her sister, Miss Edith Flagg, who is spending the winter there.

Pearl Dyer of the Oxford Printing Company, who has been for some time in the Rangely region for the benefit of his health, has returned to town and resumed work.

Hon. and Mrs. Waldo Pettengill of Franklin street were guests in Washington of the Hon. Senator Fernald of Maine, and heard Senator Fernald in his maiden speech in the Senate of the Post Road Transportation Bill. Mr. and Mrs. Pettengill are on their way south to St. Petersburg, Fla.

The log station at Bemis, which has been a unique feature on the Rangeley Lake line, is to be replaced at once by a modern frame structure, the contract for which has been let to the P. A. Rumney Co. of Portland, same to be completed in season for the summer business, June 1st. The old log station had decayed so badly as to require extensive repairs, hence it was deemed best to replace it.

A double alarm from box 28 at 7 A. M. Sunday called the department to a bad fire in Cheney block, corner of Congress and Exchange streets.

This is a brick building four stories high, the street floor and basement occupied by Stanley Blaboe's hardware store, the second floor devoted to offices, while the third and fourth floors were devoted to roomers and light house-keeping, and fully occupied. Every body got out safely, although the building was quickly choked with suffocating smoke, and in two instances a man and one woman were taken down ladders on the Exchange street side. The fire department were on the spot promptly, and as soon as it was evident that the tenants were all out, powerful streams of water were turned on, and although the back end was a roaring furnace from base to roof, the tons of water going in began to have its effect, the blaze being under control by nine A. M. The smoke from the burning wood and from paint stock and oils in the basement rolled out in dense volumes, it being impossible to locate the blaze itself, so that more damage was done by water than by fire, the whole structure being thoroughly soaked from top to bottom. The estimate of the loss has not yet been made, but probably \$5,000 will put the building in as good condition as before, but the damage to tenants and furnishings will be quite heavy, mostly covered by insurance.

Mrs. John P. Shepherd of Portland, who was formerly a resident of Rumford, is in town spending a few days visiting old friends. At present she is the guest of Mrs. H. L. Elliott of Washington street. On Monday evening Mrs. Elliott entertained three tables of whist at her home in honor of her guest, these ladies being the former friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Shepherd.

Letters received from Douglas Hall, son of A. A. Hall, formerly yardman for the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway company, tell his friends that he is on the battle line somewhere in France, and that he has had his first baptism of fire, and is as yet unscathed.

Douglas enlisted as an American, in a Western Canadian regiment from Calgary, was promoted to Sergeant, and when the regiment went to England in the fall of 1916, they went into the training camps there, later to the battle front in France. "Doug" as he was always called by his schoolmates in Rumford, writes that when he

ANDOVER

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bailey were guests at North Rumford, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Grange Sewing Circle met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ella Damon.

The King's Daughters will serve a dinner in the town hall, Monday, Mar. 5th.

Roger Thurston has spent the past week with his family in town.

Mary Howe was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Neal Bodwell, Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Dorothy Elliott has been quite ill.

George Thomas and wife entertained at dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dumas and family and Roger Thurston and family.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club was entertained by Mrs. Ada Merrill at the home of Harry Thomas, Saturday evening. Six tables were in use.

Mrs. Clayton Sweet and Merrill Howe won the first prizes, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Newhall the consolation prizes. Dainty refreshments were served.

Roger Thurston, wife and daughter, Anna, were guests to tea of Mrs. Y. A. Thurston and Mrs. Bedell, Monday evening.

The Ladies' Aid met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Herman Dunham.

Jack Warren, who is working at Andover this winter, is spending this week with his family in town.

Rev. Mr. Graham preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning at the Congregational church. In the evening songs were sung from the screen and a most interesting illustrated lecture was given on the prophet Elijah. Underwood and Underwood slides were used.

Mr. W. W. Perkins and L. E. Hall attended the Pomona Grange at Dixfield last week, Wednesday.

Mrs. Malvina Bedell was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Edward Akers, Friday of last week.

Walter Hanson of West Peru was operated on at McCarly's Hospital at Rumford, Tuesday. Mr. Hanson was a former resident of Andover.

Word has been received by relatives in town of the death of Mrs. Helen Hoffman on Friday, Feb. 9, at her home in Denver, Col. Mrs. Hoffman was the daughter of the late Elbridge Poor of this town, and widow of Henry Hoffman of Denver. She lived in town for some time after her marriage with Mr. Hoffman. She leaves two sons, one a dentist in Denver, and the other a resident of Oregon, also two brothers, Alfred Poor of Chapman, Kansas, and Henry L. Poor of Andover. The deceased was 80 years of age.

Chas. Lodge, K. of P., will give a ball Thursday evening, Feb. 22, in the town hall. Supper will be served by the Pythian Sisters.

Dick Marston is in town from Bemis.

Mr. Lawrence Parsons and Miss Dorothy Akers were married at Rumford Center, Saturday evening, Feb. 17, by Rev. W. W. Laite.

John Kimball, who is working at Locke's Mills, visited his mother, Mrs. H. E. Kimball, Sunday.

Miss Rena George visited her friend, Mrs. Clifford Clough, Sunday.

Mrs. Ben James and Mrs. Abner Kimball called on Mrs. Herman Brown and Mrs. Valon Saunders and day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kimball spent Sunday in Bethel, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Lowe.

J. P. Kimball went to Stark, Sunday, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris and child, with Mrs. Ernest Swicker and child of West Bethel spent Sunday at Whitefield Swicker's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kimball called on Mrs. Kimball's cousin, Mr. Tom Harris, of West Bethel the first of the week.

Mrs. Ed McPhee called at Herman Brown's, Monday.

John Adams caught a bad rat and a coon in his trap Monday morning.

Abner Kimball's famous cattle dog disappeared last Thursday and has not been seen since.

When a woman finds her husband becoming morose, she can do a lot toward breaking the monotony.

gets across the water, he is going to head straight for the good old state of Maine, says he wants to get where they are sure to have something good to eat. Young Douglas's father, who went to Calgary a few years ago during the boom of that country, has been naturalized as a Canadian citizen, but Douglas refused to abrogate his birthright as a citizen of the United States.

The regular meeting of the Cosmos Club was held on Tuesday evening at Hotel Fenwick with supper in the private dining room of the hotel.

The paper of the evening was given by Dr. William T. Rowe, who took for his subject, "Tabernacles."

Dr. Rowe has lantern slides to illustrate his paper as he read it.

WEST PARIS

Basket ball games Friday evening, West Paris High school against Woodstock High school, score 38 to 5 in favor of West Paris; West Paris Red Ribbons against West Paris Blue Ribbons, score in favor of Red Ribbons.

West Paris High school first and second teams went to Mexico, Saturday, to play against Mexico High school teams first and second.

Miss Diana Wall and Miss Ruth Carter spent the week end in Portland.

Miss Hazel Clark, teacher of the Tuell Town school, was the week end guest of Miss Francis Flint.

Miss Ruth Carter has resigned her position as teacher in the grammar school to accept a better position at Augusta.

Mrs. Edna Emery is ill.

Herbert Richardson of Berlin, N. H., was the guest of his mother and relatives at D. G. Churchill's, recently.

Frank L. Willis is sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to return home.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Morrison who works around North Paris borrowed a team of Leland Dunham. As neither horse nor driver returned at night investigation was made. It seems that the sleigh tipped over and Mr. Morrison was thrown out, the horse got on to the track and was killed by a train about one-third of a mile from Snow's Falls. Mr. Dunham paid a good price for the horse, which was a good driver. Everybody is sorry for his loss. It is rather strange that two runaway horses have met death near Snow's Falls this winter.

Washington services will be held in each of the rooms at the schoolhouse on Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The annual prize speaking contest of West Paris High school will be held March 5.

The meeting held on Saturday by the Baptist Society was a helpful and interesting meeting and was well attended.

Mrs. Dwight A. Hall is ill with grip.

Miss Alice Edna Barden will attend the Governor's Ball at Augusta. She will be the guest of Representative Herbert Andrews' family of Norway.

Mrs. Emma H. Mann and Mafoed Mann of Norway were guests of her son, H. S. Mann and family, Sunday.

NORTH HARTFORD

Mrs. Frank Bragg went to Buckfield, Wednesday, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Keene.

Marion and Samuel Stetson went to Pomona Grange at Dixfield, Wednesday.

Mr. Winfield Farrar went to Buckfield, Saturday.

Robert Henry has finished work for J. Davenport and is now at work cutting wood for A. L. Oldham.

Mildred Sampson is visiting friends in Lewiston.

Mrs. Daniel Fletcher visited at Emory Parsons', Friday.

Mrs. Harry Bragg has been keeping house for her father, Mr. John Darrington, at Canton.

Carol Cole went down to Will Libby's, Sunday.

Linwood Darrington visited his sister, Mrs. Harry Bragg, Sunday.

Feb. 9, born to the wife of Perley Ripley, a daughter.

Mrs. E. L. Bragg and daughter, Alice, and son, Raymond, visited Mrs. Emma Briggs, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Davenport visited their former neighbors, Mrs. Ann Thompson and two sons, Frank and Fred. They found Mrs. Thompson much improved in health.

George Johnson purchased five shares of P. B. Sargent, Friday.

Mrs. Merle Dunn and daughter, Berice, visited Mrs. Dunn's grandmother, Mrs. B. B. J. Lucas, Sunday.

Samuel Decker visited his cousin, Saturday night, and at J. Davenport's, Sunday.

Wilma Davenport visited friends at Canton a few days last week.

Mrs. Lillian Henry is assisting Mrs. H. Fuller for a few days.

P. A. Davenport is harvesting his rice.

Mrs. Ruth Hillier has gone to live with her husband in one of George Brown's tents at Hartford Center. Mr. Hillier is employed in the mill there.

A Valentine Sunday school was held at Hartford Center, Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Peterson visited her niece, Mrs. A. B. Sanborn, in Norway a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stetson were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge, of Canton, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Alfred Carleton and Mrs. Lydia Carleton visited Mrs. S. B. Lucas, Sunday.

Mrs. Milla Roberts visited at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Parsons, Friday.

Miss Thelma Cursey was at Miss Beth Andrews', Wednesday.

Albert Davenport called at his own home, Mrs. Nellie Stetson's, Sunday.

Mrs. Percy Ripley and little daughter were being cared for at the home of

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her aunt, Mrs. Charles Hutchinson.

Wilma Davenport closed a successful term of school at Tyler Corner, Feb. 2, with the following program:

Roll Call, Response by Quotations Song, "My Old Kentucky Home,"

Recitation, "Somebody's Mother," School

Our Little Neighbors, Edna Park Dialogue, "Brown Eyes and Blue Eyes," Lilla Billings, Ruth Park and Evelyn Forbes.

Recitation, "Mamma's Tired," Alice Bragg

Recitation, "Who's to Blame," Bernice Dunn

Recitation, "Hoe Out Your Row," Willard Gammon

Exercise, "Teddy, Terry and Tommy," Willard Gammon, Edward and William Park.

Recitation, "Who Made the Speech?" Evelyn Forbes

Recitation, "I Am a Little Boy," Harry Field

Recitation, "A Mortifying Mistake," Ruth Park

Dialogue, "The Sick Doll," Willard Gammon

Jack, The doctor, Willard Gammon Sue, The nurse, Alice Bragg May, The mother, Bernice Dunn

Recitation, "Her Dream," Phila Henry

Recitation, "What a Little Girl Can Do," Winetta Burnell

Song, "Tipperary," Willard Gammon, Alice Bragg, Edward Park and Bernice Dunn

Recitation, "Work Together," Alice Bragg

Exercise, "Vacation Days," Bernice Dunn

Song, "America," Eight Pupils School

We gather in this schoolroom Upon this happy day, Playing games and speaking pieces For to while the time away.

And we're glad to see our mothers, Who to us are very dear, For they all are very welcome, And our friends who gather here.

We know that we have been-unhappy At times in the nine weeks past, And we thank our teacher for her patience From beginning to the last.

All together, there are eleven scholars, Seven are girls and four are boys, But we think there is no difference When it comes to making noise.

At times we've missed our lessons When we came out in the class; Sometimes we were slow to get them; Other times we learned them fast.

But we think, all in all, When we come to take our test, We'll not blame our little teacher For we know she's done her best.

She has toiled five days weekly, All cheerful, never sad, And to see our childish faces Every morning she seemed glad.

And we thank her for her labor And her kindness in the past For we know we've been a trial From beginning to the last.

We, children, have learned to love her, And hope she'll come back next term.

We'll all try to do much better, Striving hard each day to learn.

But we welcome our vacation For we know again we'll meet At this Tyler Corner schoolhouse And we hope each one to greet.

So again we'll thank our teacher For her love and kindness too, And extend them to our friends here, And dear mothers unto you.

You have given us great pleasure, Coming here upon this day, To hear us recite our little pieces And we'll be happy on our way.

Thinking how you've showed us later at In the little things we do, So I'll thank you all most heartily, And say to all a kind adieu.

This closed the entertainment. A treat was given the pupils, which was enjoyed by their tastes. There were many of the parents and friends present.

Washington Correspondent Preparing to Launch Monthly at National Capital.

"Achievements in the World's Work," with J. E. Jones as editor, is to appear early in the new year.

A prospectus, or sample specimen has been issued, and a copy of it may be seen at the Citizen office. Evidently Achievements in the World's Work will be developed along the lines of furnishing a cheery, optimistic uplift to the things that count in the world's work.

The little sample book relates a human interest story of Henry Ford, as the principal article. It tells interestingly of B. L. Robb, of Milwaukee, who has invented a system whereby the roll call of the House of Representatives may be completed in three minutes, thereby saving two full months of the time of Congress during a long session. "The Light of the World," traced from the earliest glowing brands and the operations of the firefly, down to the bright electric rays of the present time, is the basis of another article. The evolution of animal and human life, reciting the disappearance of the armored specimens, with up-to-date comparisons with reference to man's life and war, furnishes another story, that is not dull—but rather breezy, informative, and refreshing. Epigrammatic paragraphs enliven the pages.

Achievements in the World's Work will essay a style known as "popular" reading. Men and events will be treated in an intimate, familiar manner; and it is likely that human foibles will not be overlooked in the interest of pleasing the vanities of those who may be generally conceded as great.

The readers of the Citizen have been privileged to see much of Mr. Jones' writings in these columns. The appeal is being made first to those who felt an interest in Mr. Jones' Washington letter to become "charter member subscribers" to Achievements in the World's Work.

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All other Assets	11,322.21

Gross Assets, \$2,312,865.01
Deduct items not admitted, 21,000.00

Admitted Assets, \$2,291,865.01
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 511,291.11
Unearned Premiums	1,287,252.11
All other Liabilities	2,000.00
Cash Capital	40,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	570,321.80

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,291,865.01

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Agents' Balances	17,000.00
Interest and Rents	10,000.00
All other Assets	2,000.00

Gross Assets, \$1,000,000.00
Deduct items not admitted, 0.00

Admitted Assets, \$1,000,000.00
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses	\$112,000.00
Unearned Premiums	200,000.00
All other Liabilities	78,000.00
Cash Capital	10,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,000,000.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,000,000.00

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FITCHBURG MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., FITCHBURG, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Stocks and Bonds	\$1,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank	100,000.00
Agents' Balances	10,000.00
All other Assets	1,000.00

Gross Assets, \$1,111,000.00
Deduct items not admitted, 0.00

Admitted Assets, \$1,111,000.00
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 500,000.00
Unearned Premiums	100,000.00
All other Liabilities	10,000.00
Cash Capital	1,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	500,000.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,111,000.00

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POEMS WORTH READING

O TAKE ME BACK TO MY CHILDHOOD.

O take me back to my childhood,
When I was young and free,
And the heavy cares of later life
Were all unknown to me.

O take me back to my old home,
Where my boyhood days were passed,
For, alas! they are gone forever,
They were all too bright to last.

O take me back to my boyhood days,
The freest I've ever known,
Where the seeds of useful knowledge
In my boyish mind were sown.

O take me back to my mother,
That sainted one above,
O, I guess the best of childhood
Is to know a mother's love.

But we know there is a future,
Where souls are ever young;
And the glories of that homeland,
By saints above are sung.

And if we cannot turn backward,
To the happy days of yore;
We'll strive to reach that haven,
To dwell for evermore.

Lines composed by G. C. West of
West Paris on the death of his mother.

IF

If you can keep your head when all
About you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you

If you can trust yourself when all men
Doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubt

If you can wait and not be tired of waiting,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
Or, being loved, don't look too good not to talk

If you can dream and not make dreams
Your reality;
If you can think—and not make thoughts
Your aim;

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just
The same;

If you can bear to hear the truth
You've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap
For fools;

If you watch the things you gave your life
To broken
And stoop and build 'em up with
worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your
winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose and start again at your begin-
ning,

And lose and start again at your begin-
ning,
And never breathe a word about your
loss;

If you can force your heart and nerve
and sinew
To serve your turn long after they
are gone,

And so hold on when there is nothing
in you
Except the Will which says to them,
"Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep
your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the
common touch;

If neither foes nor loving friends can
hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none
too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of dis-
tance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything
that is in it
And—which is more—you'll be a
Man, my son.

—Rudyard Kipling.

OVER THE RIVER.

Samuel J. Friel.

Over the river they looked to me—
Those who were so close to the fur-
ther side.

The grass of their sunny sides I see,
For their sides are drawn in the
scolding sea.

There's a scale with rights of sunny gold,
And even the scales of heaven's
own fold.

He stands in the twilight, gray and
still,
And the pale moon and his face
are still.

We saw and the angels who met him
there.

The gates of the city we could not see;
Over the river, over the river,
My brother stands waiting in welcome
and!

Over the river, the business pale
Carried another—the household pale

Her brown curls waved in the gentle
gale—
Darling Minnie I see, her yet.

She crossed on her bosom her dimpled
hands,
And fearlessly entered the phantom
bark!

We watched it glide from the silver
sands,
And all our sunshine grew strangely
dark.

We know she is safe on the other side,
Where all the ransomed and angels
be;

Over the river, the mystic river,
My childhood's idol is waiting for me.

WHICH SHALL GO?

By Mrs. Elizabeth C. Kiancy.
A mother sat with her children three;
The Angel of Death drew near;

"I come for one of thy babes," quoth
he—
"Of the little hand, say, which shall
it be?"

I will not choose, but leave it for thee
To give me the one least dear."

The mother started, with movement
wild,
And drew them all close to her heart;

The Angel reached forth, and touched
the child
Whose placid features, where'er she
smiled,

Reflected the mother's beauty mild;
"With this one," said he, "can't thou
part?"

"With this one! O God! she is our
firstborn—
As well take my life away!

I never lived till that blessed morn
When she, as a bud, on my breast was
worn;

Without her the world would be all
forlorn—
Fare thee this one, kind Death, I pray!"

The Angel drew backwards, then touch-
ed again;
This time 'twas a noble boy:

"Will it give thee to part with him less
gaily?"

"Hold, touch him not!" she cried,
"refrain!"

He's an only son—if we had but twin
th, spare us our pride and our joy!"

Once more the Angel stood waiting
there;
Then he gently laid his hand
on the shining brow of a babe, so fair.

That even Death pined and trembled
with care;
While the mother prayed, "Merciful
Heaven, forbear!"

'Tis the pet of our little hand!"

"Then WHICH?" said the Angel;
"For God calls one
The mother bowed down her head,
Lest's troubled fount was in tears o'er-
run—

A murmur—a struggle—and Grace had
won.

"Not my will," she said, "but thine
be done!"

The pet lamb of the fold lay dead.

MEMORIES

By Mabel Smith.

I recall the little schoolhouse,
As it graced the sloping hill,
With the fir trees just behind it,
And in front the village mill.

Here my baby thoughts were tutored,
Here I learned to read and spell,
And to write the copy sent me,
Though my childish heart rebelled.

Now how often! Oh, how often!
Do I long to see the spot,
And beneath the fragrant fir trees
Cast the burden of my thought.

There beside the quiet river,
Where the bending willows hang,
Have I often plucked the Row's reeds,
Whispering the wailing thrushes sang.

There along the waters' edges
Grew the violets—purest thoughts,
While half hidden in the sedges,
Smiled the sweet forget-me-nots.

And beneath the sparkling waters,
Scattered on the golden sands,
Have I seen the shining pebbles,
Wishing they were in my hand.

Little knew I that the future
Of the years so far below,
Were they taken from the waters,
Would so quickly fade and go.

With a little twig I reached once;
Pulled it out upon the sands,
And with tears I viewed its fallow,
As I clasped it in my hand.

Thus began life's long and lonely
Hopes are brightest just ahead,
Yet when reached, the goal we sought
for,

All is lost—that brightness fled.

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Real Estate	\$ 173,180.74
Stocks and Bonds	3,027,112.51
Cash in Office and Bank	693,631.12
Agents' Balances	880,002.00
Bills Receivable	1,750,146.61
Interest and Rents	52,340.50
All other Assets	5,068.58

Gross Assets, \$1,343,330.00
Deduct items not admitted, 313,217.81

Admitted Assets, \$1,030,112.19
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 191,133.01
Unearned Premiums	1,750,146.61
All other Liabilities	42,831.02
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,037,181.04

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,030,112.19

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THE HARTFORD STEAM BOILER INSPECTION & INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD, CONN.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate	\$ 50,000.00
Mortgage Loans	1,534,370.80
Stocks and Bonds	4,388,617.24
Cash in Office and Bank	305,863.09
Agents' Balances	471,003.00
Interest and Rents	98,111.14
All other Assets	40,940.70

Gross Assets, \$6,950,135.33
Deduct items not admitted, 153,847.60

Admitted Assets, \$6,796,287.73
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 67,529.30
Unearned Premiums	2,738,563.68
All other Liabilities	244,634.75
Cash Capital	2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,754,577.02

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,796,287.73

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THE TIDELITY AND CASUALTY CO. OF NEW YORK, 92-94 LIBERTY ST., 97-103 CEDAR ST., NEW YORK CITY.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate	\$1,293,433.45
Stocks and Bonds	10,227,963.52
Cash in Office and Bank	622,479.89
Premiums in Course of Collection	1,915,029.57
Interest and Rents	95,722.59
All other Assets	290,772.28

Gross Assets, \$11,792,501.13
Deduct items not admitted, 1,003,703.90

Admitted Assets, \$10,788,797.23
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses	\$3,449,755.20
Unearned Premiums	5,396,532.07
All other Liabilities	1,621,541.80
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	2,320,968.96

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$10,788,797.23

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ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE INS. CO., ST. PAUL, MINN.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate	\$ 232,215.41
Mortgage Loans	1,435,563.11
Stocks and Bonds	9,512,698.78
Cash in Office and Bank	810,739.19
Agents' Balances	1,431,293.53
Bills Receivable	35,492.19
Interest and Rents	55,127.45
All other Assets	37,051.91

Gross Assets, \$12,581,000.47
Deduct items not admitted, 202,383.62

Admitted Assets, \$12,378,616.85
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,328,636.10
Unearned Premiums	5,864,445.59
All other Liabilities	1,200,476.09
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	3,985,039.11

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,378,616.85

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INDIANA LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate	\$ 20,500.00
Mortgage Loans	304,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	299,214.00
Cash in Office and Bank	39,812.00
Agents' Balances	22,162.44
Interest and Rents	9,504.23

Gross Assets, \$712,292.67
Admitted Assets, \$712,292.67

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 24,520.00
Unearned Premiums	230,421.45
All other Liabilities	8,551.22
Surplus over all Liabilities	458,800.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$712,292.67

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CLEANLINESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF DISEASE BIG FACTORS IN POULTRY RAISING.

By A. E. Conkey.

Are you one of the comparatively few poultry owners who thoroughly realize that a clean and sanitary poultry house and a knowledge of poultry diseases are absolutely essential to any marked degree of success? If not, it will pay you well to learn just what is needed in the care of your poultry house and flocks and how to combat disease when it appears in your flock.

Disease undoubtedly is the poultry man's greatest enemy, for even with the best of care, one or more birds will often become sick, especially during the winter months. When that happens it is no time to experiment. The thing most necessary is to know what the disease is, so that the proper remedy can be given quickly. The ability to diagnose a case of sickness is most valuable asset and there are several good poultry books that can be obtained at very slight cost in which are given the symptoms of practically every known poultry disease.

There are several common causes and poultry owner the loss of a single bird, for, while most poultry diseases are very contagious, they are also very easy to handle when one makes himself familiar with them. The way was when it was right and proper to kill and burn or burn a sick chicken, but today sanitation is seldom necessary and it would be almost as barbarous as to isolate a human afflicted with small pox or any other plague and let his disease run its course.

Physicians did that years ago because they didn't know any better, but now their knowledge and experience enable them to apply treatment as successfully that the number of deaths from such diseases is overshadowed by the infinitely greater number of cures. So also has science progressed in the care of poultry diseases and today there are standard remedies for practically every known poultry ailment.

However, equally important to every poultry owner as the ability to diagnose and treat poultry diseases should be an effort to lessen the danger of their appearance. Nothing could be more efficient in accomplishing this purpose than cleanliness of house and flocks, and the provisions necessary to insure proper cleanliness are really so few that it should be a pleasure to anyone who wants a paying flock to carry them out.

The first is that the house contain some arrangement for catching the droppings and that these be removed frequently. Probably the most satisfactory way to catch most of the droppings is to place about ten inches below the roosts a board or platform which can be easily scraped clean. The droppings should not be allowed to soil the floor more than a week at a time, as the ammonia and other fumes given off by them are injurious to the birds.

The litter, too, should be changed as often as it becomes chopped up and mixed with powdered droppings or whenever it gets too damp. However, litter is not likely to need changing more than once a month if plenty of it is provided and birds are not crowded.

Dampness should be avoided, as it is very injurious to the health of a flock. It is not due to a leaky roof, or can usually be eliminated by improving the ventilation.

Another worth while precaution is to whitewash the interior of your poultry house or paint it some light color. It will then be a more cheerful home for your flock and more easy to keep clean. Also, frequently spray the inside walls, roosts and nests with a good disinfectant. It kills germs and mites and makes the house more wholesome. The roosts, roosts, fountains and feed troughs should all be removable, so that the spraying can be done in a thorough manner and with little effort.

Houses containing dirt floors should be allowed to become too dusty. Dust irritates a bird's throat and nostrils and causes disease, such as roup, chicken pox, croup and bronchitis. Where there is too much dust apply a little kerosene oil or other cheap oil to the floor, a little at a time, and it will keep the dust down.

Lastly, don't forget to wash the fountains, hoppers and feed troughs often with a mild disinfecting solution. They are one of the worst breeding places for germs and should be kept clean and sanitary at all times.

Such little precautions will do much to keep away disease and, in addition to employing them, you don't have to experiment when sickness does appear. Just know how to diagnose the case and administer a remedy, you are sure to be dollars ahead at the end of the year. And above all, don't kill a bird simply because it becomes sick. Diagnose the case and treat it, for in practically every case the death of a sick bird means an enormous loss that is entirely unnecessary. Whatever you learn at such times will be valuable to you for future use and a study of the cause will help you in avoiding a repetition of the trouble in your flock.

"What have you against this hotel?" thundered the landlord.

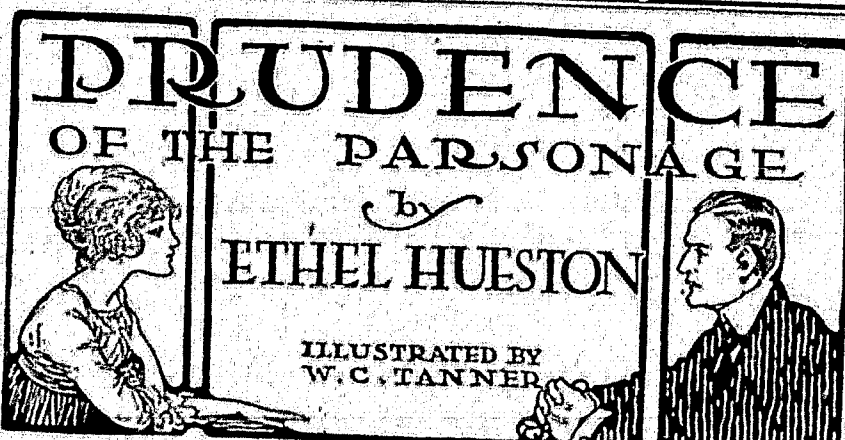
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PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE

by ETHEL HUESTON

CHAPTER I.—Prudence Starr, eldest of five motherless girls, comes to the Methodist parsonage at Mount Stark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II.—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his discomfort. Carol, one of the twins, rides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III.—Prudence and Fairy receive the Ladies' Aid society while Lark, Carol and Constance practice modeling in mud on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV.

A Secret Society.

Carol and Lark, in keeping with their twinning, were the dearest chums and comrades. To them the great, rambling barn back of the parsonage was a most delightful place. It had a big cowshed on one side, and horse stalls on the other, with "heavenly" haymow over all, and "chutes" for the descent of hay—and twine!

Now the twins had a secret society of which they were the founders, the officers and the membership body. Its name was Skull and Crossbones. Lark furnished the brain power for the organization, but her sister was an enthusiastic and energetic second. Carol's club name was Lady Gwendolyn, and Lark's was Sir Alfred Angelcourt.

ordinarily, although subject to frequent changes. The old barn saw stirring times after the coming of the new parsonage family.

"Hark! Hark!" sounded a hissing whisper from the corner, and Constance, eavesdropping outside the barn, shivered sympathetically.

"What is it? Oh, what is it?" wailed the unfortunate lady.

"Look! Look! Run for your life!" Then while Constance clutched the barn door in a frenzy, there was a sound of rattling corn as the twins scrambled upward, a silence, a low thud, and an unromantic "Ouch" as Carol bumped her head on a beam.

"Are you assaulted?" shouted the bold Sir Alfred, and Constance heard a wild scuffle as he rescued his companion from the clutches of the old hayrack on which she had stumbled. Up the haymow ladder they hurried, and then all reached down the hay chute. Presently the barn door was flung open, and the "society" knickered Constance flying backward, ran madly around the barn a few times, and scurried under the fence and into the chicken coop.

A little later Constance, assailed with shots of cayenne, ran bitterly toward the house. "Pecked!" was strictly forbidden when the twins were engaged in Skull and Crossbones activities.

And Constance's soul burned with desire. She felt that this secret society was threatening not only her happiness, but also her health, for she could not sleep for horrible dreams of Skulls and Crossbones at night, and could not eat for envying the twins their secret and mysterious joys. Finally she applied to Prudence, and received assistance.

The afternoon mail brought to the parsonage an envelope addressed to "Misses Carol and Lark Starr, the Methodist Parsonage, Mount Stark, Iowa," and in the lower left-hand corner was a suggestive drawing of a Skull and Crossbones. The eyes of the mischievous twins twinkled with delight when they saw it, and they carried it to the barn for prompt perusal. It read as follows:

Miss Constance Starr humbly and respectfully craves admittance into the Ancient and Honorable Organization of Skull and Crossbones.

The twins pondered long on a fitting reply, and the next afternoon the postman brought a letter for Constance, waiting impatiently for it. She had approached the twins about it at noon that day.

"Did you get my application?" she had whispered nervously.

But the twins had stared her out of countenance, and Constance realized that she had committed a serious breach of secret society etiquette.

But here was the letter! Her fingers trembled as she opened it. It was decorated lavishly with skulls and crossbones, splashed with red ink, supposedly blood, and written in the same suggestive color.

Skull and Crossbones, great in mercy and in consideration, has listened to the prayer of Constance Starr, the Bearer, for the will of the Great Spirit is that she be admitted into the ranks, submit herself to the will of Skull and Crossbones, she shall be admitted into the Ancient and Honorable Order.

The week that followed was a gala one for the twins of Skull and Crossbones. Constance swept their room, made their bed, washed their dishes, did their chores, and in every way behaved as a model pledge of the Ancient and Honorable.

Prudence did not feel it was a case that called for her interference. So she sat back and watched, while the twins told stories, read and frolicked, and Constance did their daily tasks.

A week passed, ten days, and twelve. Then came a cold October afternoon when the twins sat in the haymow looking out upon a mellow world. Constance was in the yard, reading a fairy story. The situation was a tense one, for the twins were hungry, and time was heavy on their hands.

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and the twins dashed at each other, startling and questioning looks.

The three girls were at table when Prudence came into the dining room alone. She fixed a tray-supper quietly and carried it off upstairs. Then she came back and sat down by the table. But her face bore marks of tears, and she had no appetite. The twins had felt small liking for their food before; now each mouthful seemed to choke them. But they dared not ask a question. They were devotedly thankful when Fairy finally voiced their interest.

"What is the matter? Has Constance been in mischief?"

"It's worse than that," faltered Prudence, tears rushing to her eyes again. "Why, Prudence! What in the world has she done?"

"I may as well tell you, I suppose—you'll have to know it sooner or later. She went out into Avery's orchard and stole some apples this afternoon. I was back in the alley seeing if Mrs. Moon could do the washing, and I saw her from the other side. She went from tree to tree, and when she got through the fence she ran. There's no mistake about it—she confessed!"

The twins looked up in agony, but Prudence's face reassured them. Constance had told no tales. "I have told you she stole some apples, but she stole alone for a week, taking her meals there, too. She will go to school, of course, but that is all. I want her to see the awfulness of it. I told her I didn't think we wanted to eat with—"

"Oh, Prudence!" That was all Constance said, but something in her voice made Prudence hang up the receiver quickly, and cry bitterly!

That noon Prudence pronounced judgment on the sinners, but her eyes twinkled, for Carol and Lark had scolded each other roundly for giving things away!

"Constance should have refused to obey you," she said gently, holding Constance in her arms. "But she has been punished more than enough. But you twins! In the first place, I right now abolish the Skull and Crossbones forever and ever. And you cannot play in the barn again for a month. And you must go over to the Averages this afternoon and tell them about it, and pay for the apples. And you must send all of your spending money for the next month to that woman who is gathering up things for the bad little children in the reform school—that will help you remember what happens to boys and girls who get in the habit of taking things on the spur of the moment!"

The twins accepted all of this graciously, except that which referred to confessing their sin to their neighbors. That did hurt! The twins were so superior, and admirable! They couldn't bear to ruin their reputations. But Prudence stood firm, in spite of their weeping and wailing. And that afternoon two shame-faced sorry girls crept meekly in at the Averages' door to make their peace.

"But about the Skull and Crossbones, it's mostly punishment for me, Prudence," said Constance regretfully. "For the twins have been in it ever since we came to Mount Stark, and I never got in at all! And I wanted them to call me Lady Magdalena Featheringale." And Constance sighed.

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GREETING.—In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in Odeon Hall, in said town on Monday, March 5, 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the several town officers.
- Art. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To establish the method for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To establish the number of Road Commissioners to be appointed by the Selectmen.
- Art. 10. To establish the price per day that the Road Commissioners shall receive for their services.
- Art. 11. To choose one member of the School Committee.
- Art. 12. To choose a Fire Ward for the ensuing year.
- Art. 13. To establish the price per day that the Fire Ward shall receive for his services.
- Art. 14. To choose all other necessary town officers.
- Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of schoolhouses, and supplies, for the ensuing year.
- Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for textbooks for the ensuing year.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of paying tuition in secondary schools.
- Art. 19. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$1500 for the purchase of books for schoolhouses, as required by law.
- Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for instruction in music in the public schools.
- Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to remodel a school building and to improve or extend the lot for the same.
- Art. 22. To see if the town will authorize the Superintending School Committee to maintain a school at North Bethel or Middle Intervale.
- Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of roads and bridges and the over expenditure, for the ensuing year.
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for breaking out of winter roads and over expenditure, for the ensuing year.
- Art. 25. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- Art. 26. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$666.00 for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of highways, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise money and what sum for the maintenance of State highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town, under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to expend the money remaining from the roller appropriation of last year, which sum is \$248.77, to purchase a new road machine and road plough.
- Art. 29. To see if the town will vote and raise money for the purpose of buying a snow roller for use at West Bethel and vicinity.
- Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.
- Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses for the ensuing year.
- Art. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay on the town debt and interest.
- Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the observance of Memorial Day, said money to be expended by Brown Post, G. A. R.
- Art. 35. To see if the town will vote and raise \$25.00 for the benefit of the Bethel Band.
- Art. 36. To see if the town will vote and raise money to pay for collector's bond for 1917.
- Art. 37. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to hire money, if necessary, to pay outstanding bills.
- Art. 38. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$200.00 to purchase from the Bethel Library Association the free use of its books during the ensuing year, for all the inhabitants of the town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books.
- Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to hold a good roads day this coming summer.
- Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to sell the corn shed property, and, if so, in what manner it shall be sold, and for what sum.
- Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as made out by the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Art. 42. To see if the town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of twelve to be known as the Budget Committee.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$273.00, the same being the amount voted at the special town meeting of June 24, 1916, for the purpose of building the new road connecting Mission and Spring streets.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$600 to cover sand at Middle Intervale.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$300 to cover sand and fix road from Fred Mundy's to Albany Line.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary of the Treasurer at \$100 per year instead of \$50.

And any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this 10th day of February, A. D. 1917.

FRANK A. BROWN,
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Selectmen of Bethel.

The Selectmen will be in their office Saturday, the 3rd day of March, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters of the town, and hearing and deciding cases of applicants claiming the right to have their names on the voting list.

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YOUR LAST CHANCE.

Recently we published in these columns an offer of The Youth's Companion and McCall's Magazine, both for a full year, for only \$2.10, including a McCall Dress Pattern. The high price of paper and ink has obliged McCall's Magazine to raise their subscription price February 1 to 10 cents a copy and 75 cents a year—so that the offer at the above rates must be withdrawn.

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Mrs. Bertha Hart Hamblen of Portland came Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hart.

Died, Feb. 15, Florence Shirley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hart.

Clifford Nelson, who has been in Portland for the past two weeks, came home Saturday.

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Here we are, a people of more than a hundred million in number, true lovers of peace, wanting nothing except to be treated as becomes our respectability, and quite willing to overlook a lot of bad manners on the part of any other nation, because we know that their conditions are abnormal. And at the very moment when we are trying to fix up the European family quarrel, the old performance of ingratitude and defiance is hurled at us. And what are we going to do about it? The President, by breaking off relations with the German Empire, has performed an act which in substance means that we regard that government as an "outlaw among nations." The severing of diplomatic relations is the most forceful peaceful means known by which one nation may show its contempt for another. And while all along Washington continued to cherish the hope of peace, every branch of the Government moved toward war. The dear little old White House was barred off from the traffic of the city; and for the first time within the memory of most residents of the city, its gates were closed, and its stood protected by the strong-armed officers of the law against the approach of all visitors. The Army and Navy and State Building was also closed, and the employees were furnished cards of identification which enabled them to get to their work.

There is no news of the situation more than probable that before this piece of copy reaches its destination in print, or is outlaid by changes in events, that the entire condition will have undergone a radical change.

Washington hunches are as often wrong as those of any other part of the country. It will be remembered that war with Mexico was a certainty on more than one occasion. When the diplomatic relations were broken off, the majority of Washingtonians were "sure" that war would follow, but others held to the hope that something less radical would occur; and it was suggested that the shooting up of a few German submarines might be accomplished without a declaration of war. But, speculations have proven vain; and the news of the day must be analyzed by every thoughtful reader, who is about as capable of determining conditions as those "wise" people who are in every current of events at Washington, and whose judgments are apt to be warped because they are living under the hair trigger of expectancy.

THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, is given great credit for her activities in behalf of the "community spirit." She has carried her views before committees of Congress, asking that the public schools of the city of Washington be open to the parents in order that simple means be found by which the interchange of points of views might be provided to people interested in the public schools. The President previous to coming to Washington went on record as advocating the community idea, and the use of schools to bring about a closer understanding between the people. He said that the whole process of modern life is capable of being adjusted so as to exclude misunderstanding, exclude hostilities, and bring all men into common counsel, and so discover what is the common interest. This is the problem of modern life. Pointing to the part which the common schoolhouses offer to answer this common need, the President said: "They are public buildings. They are evenly distributed. They belong to the communities. They furnish ideal places in which to assemble and discuss public affairs. They are just what we need." The President has interested himself in the larger affairs of government and has not had time to devote to such ideas as are indicated in the foregoing statement. It is likely, however, that he has encouraged the activities of his daughter along these lines.

The community spirit formerly existed to a very large extent in rural communities, and the schoolhouses were used for all sorts of public gatherings. The old theory that church and state must remain separate doubtless was often defeated in the use of the schoolhouses. It was carried to the point where it was interpreted that the use of school buildings for political purposes and for public meetings, made the schoolhouses an institution that was being constantly misused for unworthy purposes. The school board, no matter how intelligent might be its management of public school buildings, inevitably have to face demands for the occupancy of public property, that could not be very well complied with. Out of this condition came the lightning

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of the lines by the local school boards, and the consequent restriction of the buildings to uses of school purposes only. Theoretically the community idea is correct, and Miss Wilson and others who think along the same line with her, are satisfied that a plan can be worked out so that the schoolhouse may indeed become the acknowledged arena of the adults of the community, for settling what President Wilson defined as "the whole processes of modern life."

The need of central places for gatherings is greater today in the cities than it ever was in the rural communities, because meeting places are more easily secured in the cities than in the districts. The hiring of halls, and renting of rooms, together with their upkeep, is a very serious responsibility for any small group of citizens to undertake in any metropolitan community.

The movement for increasing the use of public schoolhouses has been endorsed by ex-Presidents Roosevelt and Taft. It is one of the few instances on record where Mr. Wilson, Professor Taft and Col. Roosevelt have been of the same mind. In New York where problems of living are most complicated than anywhere else, the granting of some of the school buildings to community settlements, has resulted in so many abuses of the privilege that the idea has received a serious setback.

THE INCOME AND THE OUTGO.

"If you cannot control either your income or your expenses you will find that your chances of success are very limited," remarked a prominent Washington attorney recently, who went on to explain that the willingness of the public to agitate the railroad question and to determine it by political exigencies in any particular case has created the serious condition responsible for the refusal of investors to put their money in railroad properties, when so many other and more attractive fields are open. In replying to questions as to whether or not the railroads were not more or less to blame for the situation, the attorney added that he agreed with the claims that some of the objectionable things which have been done in respect to financing railroads have had an effect upon the public estimate of railroad management. He added that there were other causes that have created insuperable difficulties. "You have got to convince the investor that there is going to be a proper return on the security," because capital has forsaken railroad investments.

BRYANT'S POND.

The Ladies' Social Union will give their second entertainment at the Universalist church, Friday evening, Feb. 23. The program is arranged with musical selections and the farce, "How the Story Grew."

Pratford Lodge gave a public banquet at their regular meeting Monday evening, the occasion being the fifty-third anniversary of the Knights of Pythias organization in America. Many invited guests were present and previous to the banquet public exercises were held in the lodge hall, where several musical selections were rendered and able addresses delivered by Mr. Jacobus of Lynn and Rev. C. C. Miller of South Paris.

Friends here have been advised of the serious illness of Dr. J. A. Gullison at his home in Franklin, Mass.

Dr. Gullison is a native of Woodstock and has been a practicing physician of Massachusetts for nearly thirty years. For a number of years he has practiced his profession in Franklin, taking the place of his brother, the late Dr. Jefferson C. Gullison.

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WEST BETHEL UNION CHURCH.

The Christian Endeavor service was held at the church, as usual, Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Byron Bean was the leader. The Sunday school followed the Endeavor service with a very good attendance.

On Saturday evening, a social at the home of the S. S. Superintendent was much enjoyed by those who attended. Delicious ice cream was served.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

"The Best Equipment" will be the theme of the sermon next Sunday morning.

All second class Scouts of Troop 2 are invited to the parsonage next Monday evening.

The Christian Endeavor leader for next Sunday evening is Miss Blanche Herrick.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Carver, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

In the passing away of Mrs. Moses Hastings, our Ladies' Circle has lost a loyal member and the church and Sunday school, a faithful devoted friend. Mrs. Hastings was able to go out very little account of her health, but her thought and interest were ever active in behalf of everything pertaining to her church. Her kind and generous spirit prompted many helpful deeds which only the recipient and perhaps one personal friend knew anything about. She will be greatly missed by us all.

The Ladies' Circle, which met with Mrs. Marshall Hastings last week, the committees for the annual fair, which will be held July 25th, were elected.

The Social Six will meet with Mrs. J. S. Burbank, Saturday afternoon.

The Y. M. U. A. will have a social and dance, with refreshments, Friday evening of this week in Grange Hall. Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday, "Lent." Topic at the evening service, "Jesus' Prayer Life."

METHODIST CHURCH.

The address by Miss Day of Rochester, N. Y., last Friday evening was greatly enjoyed by the members of the W. H. M. S. and their friends who were present. Thoroughly familiar with the work of the society she represents, her use of maps and pictures and her own charming personality combined to make this one of the most vivid and helpful missionary addresses heard here for a long time.

The Ladies' Aid Society meets this week with Mrs. Kendall on Thursday afternoon.

The theme for next Sunday morning sermon is, "Reasons for believing in immortality."

Press comments on the work of the Grawbold Sisters' Quartet are most complimentary in all places where they have given their program. "One of the best things ever given here;" "Fine cello, piano and harp trio;" "A great success in every way;" "These are musical treats." These are a few brief characterizations out of the many which might be given. This is the last of the popular entertainment course given by the ladies of this church, Grange Hall, March 7. Tickets at Mrs. Carver's at usual prices.

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